2.17 S I K K I M 1979-80

2.17.1 Administration : Proposal for acquisition of records pertaining to Sikkim from the different State Archives, National Archives of India and foreign archives, are under the consideration of the Government. The main aspects viz. (i) Instituting a regular record management programme, (ii) preparation of suitable reference media programme, (iii) setting up of adequate repair and reprography facilities, (iv) salvaging and maintainance of private records, (v) appointment of required staff and (vi) purchase of reprography machinery, binding equipments, preservative materials etc. were approved by the State Government for being implemented during the Sixth Five Year Plan.

2.17.2 Budget : The budget provision for 1979-80 both for Archives and Museum on the plan side was Rs.83,000/- but reappropriation for Rs.12,000 was operated and out of this overall allocation Rs.94,145 was spent.

Keeping in view the activities and problems faced by the Archives Department the budget allocations are too inadequate to cater to its needs. Suitable budget allocation is essentially required for construction of archival building, purchase of material for repair and reprography equipments. Moreover, budget provision for 'Archives' and 'Museum' should be earmarked separately as this leads to a lot of confusion and inconvenience.

2.17.3 Building : The State Archives has no building of its own. The construction of archival building is under active consideration of the State Government.

2.17.4 Record Management : The Deputy Director of Archives inspected the records of Home, Education, Ecclesiastical, Finance, Sikkim Nationalised Transport, Law, High Court, State Trading Corporation, Motor Vehicle, Police, Local Self Government, Establishment, Health and District Collectorate (East) Departments and necessary guidelines were given to them.

2.17.5 Research and Reference : Necessary action is being taken to frame the research rules. The Sikkim State Archives was declared a Centre of Post Graduate Research in History and allied subjects under the guidance of the Deputy Director of Archives.

2.17.6 Reference Media : The records pertaining to Home, Police, Revenue, Finance and Income Tax Departments were listed.

2.17.7 Publication Programme : The Deputy Director of Archives was entrusted to prepare "Monograph on Land Records of Sikkim".

2.17.8 Photo-Duplication : The State Archives has no microfilming Unit of its own. However, a xerox machine was purchased recently.

2.17.9 Library : The library is being organised and there is a programme for purchasing publications on Archives Administration and History for which list has been prepared.

A good number of publications were acquired from the different Archives in India and abroad on reciprocal basis and a few publications were purchased from the Institute of Historical Studies, Calcutta. Circular was issued to different departments in Sikkim for sending Department Publications, brochures, literatures etc. to the State Archives.

2.17.10 Other Activities : (i) International Archives Week was celebrated by the State Archives and on that occasion an

exhibition of documents was organised. An article entitled "Archives and its Importance" and a brochure on the Administration Report were prepared during the occasion. (ii) Short-Term Training Course for the benefit of Record Assistants employed in the various Departments and District offices was approved.

A lecture was delivered by the Deputy Director of Archives in the Sikkim High Court to acquint the Record Keeper and Assistants concerned working there to organise and manage the records of the Court.